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## **1.1 SUMMARY OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS DURING FUNDING PERIOD**

Studies of dehalosilylation and LiCl elimination reactions have afforded interesting new III-V (13-15) compounds (see section 1.2, publications 1-5). It is of particular interest that the dimers  $[X_2GaP(SiMe_3)_2]_2$  have been isolated as stable crystalline compounds from reactions of  $GaX_3$  ( $X = Cl, Br, I$ ) with  $(Me_3Si)_3P$  in a 1:1 mole ratio (see section 1.2, publications 1 and 5). The structures of the compounds where  $X = Cl$  or  $Br$  were elucidated by single-crystal X-ray analyses, and they are the first examples of gallium-phosphorus dimers containing all exocyclic halogen ligands on the metal center. In addition, it has been demonstrated that  $GaCl_3$  and  $(Me_3Si)_3P$  mixed in a 2:1 mole ratio react to yield a stable substance having the empirical formula  $Cl_3Ga_2P$  (see section 1.2, publication 5). The latter and the three dimers have been thermally decomposed at the relatively low temperature of 300 °C to yield nanocrystalline GaP; thus, they are new single-source precursors to GaP. Application of the methodology which afforded the single-source precursor  $(Cl_3Ga_2P)_n$  has been used to synthesize  $[Cl_3Ga_2(As,P)]_n$ , a single-source precursor to a ternary III-V semiconductor, namely, gallium arsenide phosphide (see section 1.2, publication 9). The ternary material exhibits hybrid characteristics of the two binaries, with d-spacing values directly between those of GaAs and GaP. This is conclusive evidence for a semiconductor solid-solution, according to Vegard's Law (see section 1.2, publication 11).

The development of a new, low temperature solution phase synthesis of nanocrystalline III-V semiconductors GaP, GaAs, GaSb, InP, InAs and InSb has also been reported by us (section 1.2, publications 6 and 7). The methodology involves *in situ* formation of the sodium/potassium pnictide, followed by reaction with the metal halide to form semiconductor quantum dots. Our novel approach employing chelating solvents in the synthesis to limit the growth of III-V semiconductor particles to nanoscale dimensions has been demonstrated in various III-V cases. The materials produced by this method have been extensively characterized by a variety of techniques such as scanning electron microscopy (SEM), scanning tunneling microscopy (STM) and spectroscopy (STS), atomic force microscopy (AFM), multi-point Brunauer Emmett Teller (BET) surface area analysis, X-ray diffraction (XRD), electron dispersive X-ray analysis (EDXA), high-resolution transmission electron microscopy (HRTEM), X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy (XPS), photoacoustic spectroscopy (PAS), UV/vis absorption spectroscopy of both solid-state samples and colloidal dispersions, photoluminescence measurements, and elemental analysis (EA). The optical characterization techniques revealed strong evidence for quantum confinement effects;

and the XRD, HRTEM, BET, STM and AFM data have shown the materials to be nanometer size particles.

In particular, nanocrystalline GaAs and InAs samples have been examined in detail. Six different techniques were used to determine the mean GaAs particle size, both before and after irradiation with high-intensity ultrasound. Comparable size parameters were obtained from XRD, HRTEM, BET and STM data; and the absorption edges in UV spectra were severely blue-shifted, consistent with quantum confinement effects (section 1.2, publication 8). A comparison of the electrical properties of nanocrystalline InAs and a *p*-type InAs wafer using STS showed clear evidence of a larger bandgap for the nanoparticles. The extent of the increase in bandgap was roughly consistent with predictions of the effective mass model (EMM) when the mean particle size obtained from STM data was used in the calculations (section 1.2, publications 10 and 11). Finally, poly(pyrrole) films were grown which contained either GaAs or InAs particles and were imaged by HRTEM and STM. The latter technique indicated that the InAs particles were conductive and distinguishable from the polymer matrix.

Methanol extraction of the as-synthesized nanocrystals from the metathetical reaction of GaCl<sub>3</sub> with (Na/K)<sub>3</sub>As, *vide supra*, resulted in surface derivatization of the nanoparticles in which methanol capped GaAs quantum dots were obtained (publication 12). The surface bound methanol facilitates the formation of colloidal suspensions of GaAs. The average particle size of the colloidal GaAs obtained by evaporating the methanol solvent was approximately 5 nm. The capped GaAs nanocrystals have been characterized by XRD, XPS, NMR, FT-IR PAS, HRTEM, elemental analysis, and UV-vis spectroscopy.

In addition, heterogeneous reactions between MBr<sub>3</sub> (M = Ga, In) and Li<sub>3</sub>N in refluxing aromatic or aromatic/ diglyme solvents were investigated as a potential route to nanocrystalline GaN and In N powders. For M = Ga, the pyrolysis of the as-prepared precursors at 450-500 °C under vacuum or NH<sub>3</sub> yielded nanosized GaN and elemental Ga. Gallium nitride was characterized by XRD, XPS, and UV/vis spectroscopies, TEM microscopy, and elemental analysis. For M = In, the reactions were highly solvent dependent and resulted exclusively in redox products such as indium(I) bromide, InBr, and elemental In (publication 13).

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#### **1.7 DISSERTATIONS OF STUDENTS SUPPORTED WITH AFOSR FUNDING**

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##### *Executive Summary of Portion of Work Supported by AFOSR:*

Sonication of nanocrystalline GaAs was shown to decrease the size of aggregates without damaging the crystallites responsible for quantum confinement effects. Samples of nanocrystalline GaAs which were sonicated, as well as unsonicated control samples were characterized using powder X-ray diffraction (XRD), high-resolution transmission electron microscopy (HRTEM), multipoint Brunauer Emmett Teller surface area measurement (BET), scanning tunneling microscopy (STM), scanning electron microscopy (SEM), and UV/vis optical absorption spectroscopy. The above techniques were compared in terms of the average particle size determined by each for the same GaAs sample. Comparable results were obtained from XRD, HRTEM, BET, and STM. UV/vis absorption thresholds were consistent with quantum confinement effects (*i.e.*, severely blue-shifted optical absorption edges), but the particle sizes calculated from such data using the effective mass model of Brus were complicated by scattering effects over some wavelength ranges.

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Through the use of dehalosilylation, new compounds were prepared which contain the Ga-P bond. These include two Lewis acid/base adducts containing phenyl groups on the gallium centers, and a novel compound which exhibits mixed-bridging of two gallium centers by a chlorine atom and a phosphorus atom. In addition, a new class of dimeric species was isolated and characterized by X-ray crystallography. These dimers contain all exocyclic halogen ligands on the metal centers, and are the first of this type reported in the Ga-P system. Several of the isolated novel compounds were thermally decomposed to yield powders containing nanocrystalline GaP. This thermolysis was studied by thermogravimetric analysis (TGA). The powders were characterized by elemental analysis and X-ray powder diffraction (XRD). Analysis of the XRD powder patterns of the GaP resulting from each of the precursor indicated a mean particle size of *ca.* 3 nm. In addition, a new precursor to GaP of the formula  $(\text{Ga}_2\text{PCl}_3)_n$  was prepared and thermolyzed. A similar precursor of the formula  $[\text{Ga}_2(\text{P/As})\text{Cl}_3]_n$  was also studied. The thermolysis product of this material was characterized by elemental analysis, XRD, and X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy (XPS). Through the analysis, it was concluded that the material consists of a solid solution of GaP and GaAs of the empirical formula  $\text{GaAs}_x\text{P}_y$  ( $0.6 < x, y < 0.9$ ). This represents one of the first reported solid state syntheses of a ternary 13-15 material.